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8 **IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
9 **FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA**

10 Kini M. Seawright,

11 Plaintiff,

12 vs.

13 State of Arizona, *et al.*,

14 Defendants.
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} **Case # CV 11-01304-PHX-JAT**

} **DECLARATION OF LINDA S.**
} **DITTEMORE**

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17 I, Linda S. Dittemore, being first duly sworn upon oath, depose and say:

18 1. I am over the age of 21 years and make this declaration on the basis of
19 information known to me.

20 2. I have been a paralegal for over thirty years. I am currently employed at
21 the firm of Gillespie, Shields & Durrant, as the civil Senior Paralegal.

22 3. Since the departure of the firm's civil attorneys Amy Wallace and Richard
23 Lyons and their staff members, I have been the only remaining civil paralegal and have
24 therefore had sole responsibility for managing the dockets and performing the paralegal
25 work for the present case, the case load for the two civil litigation attorneys to whom I am
26 assigned, and the large number of additional civil cases that had been the responsibility of
27 Ms. Wallace and Mr. Lyons and their staff.

EXHIBIT 1

1 3. Due to the overwhelming case load for which I am responsible, as well as
2 some major personal issues that have occurred in my life recently for which I have been
3 responsible, I regretfully failed to recognize that the due date for Plaintiff's Reply
4 memorandum had been changed as a result of the Court's Order granting Defendants an
5 extension of time in which to file their response to that motion and alert.

6 4. My oversight was completely due to inadvertence and was in no way
7 intentional.

8 5. At the direction of attorney Dan Durrant, I contacted Michael Gottfried,
9 counsel for Defendants, who advised me that he will not oppose Plaintiff's present
10 motion for an extension.

11 6. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to
12 the best of my information and recollection

13 7-18-2013
14 Date

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